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## Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

KIM ET AL.

Examiner

Nhon T Diep

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### Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on \_\_\_\_.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 and 7 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 5 and 6 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 30 March 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☒ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

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**DETAILED ACTION**

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112***

1. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

2. Claims 3-4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 3, lines 6 recites the limitation "said" in "said fourth step", and lines 11 recites the limitation "said" in "said sixth step". There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

The examiner interprets step a of claim 1 as 1<sup>st</sup> step, step a1 of claim 3 as 2<sup>nd</sup> step and step a2 of claim 3 as 3<sup>rd</sup> step and so on, step b of claim 1 as 7<sup>th</sup> step. The examiner suggests to change "said fourth step" to read --step a1--; and "said fourth step" to read --step a3—to overcome the rejection.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

4. Claims 1-2 and 7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Oguz et al (US 6,771,703).

Oguz et al discloses an efficient scaling of nonscalable MPEG-2 video comprising the same method for providing a variable bit rate for a streaming service in an information communication system, comprising the step of: a) decompressing an original video bit stream stored already, into a file type capable of supporting the variable bit rate, and then storing it (fig. 1, el. 34, 32-33-37); b) merging data based on the decomposed type by considering a traffic state of a communication network; and c) providing the streaming service by using the video bit stream merged (fig. 1, and col. 7, ln. 38 – col. 8, ln. 23 and fig. 13, el. 222, 225, 227, 229 and col. 17, ln. 21 – col. 18, ln. 25); and wherein the step a) decomposing the original bit stream is gained by applying a frame rate controlling system through a frame removal and a fidelity controlling system in which selection for a discrete cosine transform (DCT) coefficient are differently provided in a unit of block within a frame (fig. 13, el. 222, 225, 227, 229 and col. 17, ln. 21 – col. 18, ln. 25) as specified in claims 1-2 and 7.

#### **Allowable Subject Matter**

5. Claims 5-6 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

#### **Conclusion**

6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

a. Jeong (US 6,393,060) discloses a video coding and decoding method and its apparatus.

b. Sugiyama (US 6,339,619) discloses a moving picture bitstream conversion apparatus and method thereof.

c. Kato et al (US 6,535,556) discloses an apparatus and method for encoding images and medium in which image encoding program has been recorded.

d. Jang et al (US 5,959,674) discloses a prediction method for discrete cosine transform coefficients.

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Nhon T Diep whose telephone number is 703-305-4648. The examiner can normally be reached on m-f.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Chris S Kelley can be reached on 703 305-4856. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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